

Remarks

The examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

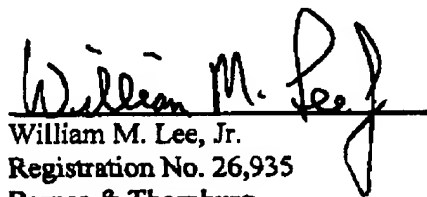
In the final office action, the examiner has raised several matters regarding the claims. Each of those matters has been addressed in the amendments above. It is believed that everything is now in order, and in order to not unduly lengthen this response, separate comments regarding each of the amendments are not provided. However, in relation to claim 19, there is support for the change in line 2 at page 10, lines 7 and 8 in the specification, which indicates that there is a load cell 19 for each block 4. That clearly indicates that there are plural transducers.

Given the above, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and the examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

This response is being filed within two months following the examiner's office action, since November 29, 2003 was a Saturday.

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